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A diabolical genius known as **THE MAKER** used time travel to create his ideal Earth by systematically preventing anyone from ever becoming a super hero—except for those on his secret **MAKER'S COUNCIL**, whom he stationed to rule over different regions of the world.

HI NO KUNI ("LAND OF THE SUN") became one of two hotbeds for mutant activity, but civilians were unaware until social media exploded with the story of **CHILDREN OF THE ATOM**, a cult for mutant youth led by a zealot called **MAESTER**. The media scandal drove the cult underground, but what the public doesn't know is that Maester answers to **VIPER**, a member of the Maker's Council.

SHINOBU KAGEYAMA (SHADOW KING) seems to be at the center of the cult's plans, including their human experiments. By preying on the guilt of **HISAKO ICHIKI (ARMOR)**, Kageyama pulled Hisako into his world of shadows, where she battled her friends. But on the outside, the friends work to solve the disappearance of their friend **NATSU TSUKISHIMA**, an unwilling member of the cult…

ULTIMATE X-MEN

CAST:

HISAKO ICHIKI
ARMOR

MEI IGARASHI
MAYSTORM

NICO MINORU
FLEDGLING PSYCHIC

MORI
NICO'S FRIEND

NATSU TSUKISHIMA
NICO'S FRIEND

YUKIO
STREAMER

SHINOBU KAGEYAMA
SHADOW KING

NORIKO ASHIDA
SURGE, MEMBER OF THE CHILDREN OF THE ATOM

VIPER
ONE OF THE MAKER'S COUNCIL

MAESTER
CHILDREN OF THE ATOM LEADER

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Fascinating. Hisako's emotions are intensifying on the astral plane, proportionately amplifying her powers.

Or was this latent force there all along?

Perhaps that explains Kageyama's fascination with her.

You are certain these mutants are the solution for the *MY-X* project?

Yes, Viper. Hisako Ichiki... is Kageyama's *chosen one.*

You have had two weeks, Fujiwara.

No. Kageyama synced with her long before that...

Indeed. How are their EEGs?

Off the charts. If I push them further than this, we will lose them.

Push them as far as you can. We need them alive. We do *not* need them unbroken. Ensure your experiments succeed, but beware...

MY-X is the culmination of our goals.

If they die, Fujiwara-- or should I say, *Maester*--so do you.

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What the hell is that black goo?

Hisako, will you please just...

...stay down?!

Kanon, what...is that?

Did I save the... did I save them...?

I'm glad you could join us...

R-I-I-I-P

...Noriko.

Heya, Maystorm.

Ready for round two?

A friend of yours, Mei?

That's Surge. It's... personal.

She's mine.

Surge, you're looking better than the last time we met.

You too, Maystorm. ***Love*** the new outfit.

Ready for another ass-kicking?

The last time we fought, you ended up having to ***save me*** because my own power blew me up.

That ain't gonna happen again. I got an ***upgrade.***

Now it's your turn to go ***boom!***

Bring it on, Surge!

Hanakaze!!!

***KAMMAAA

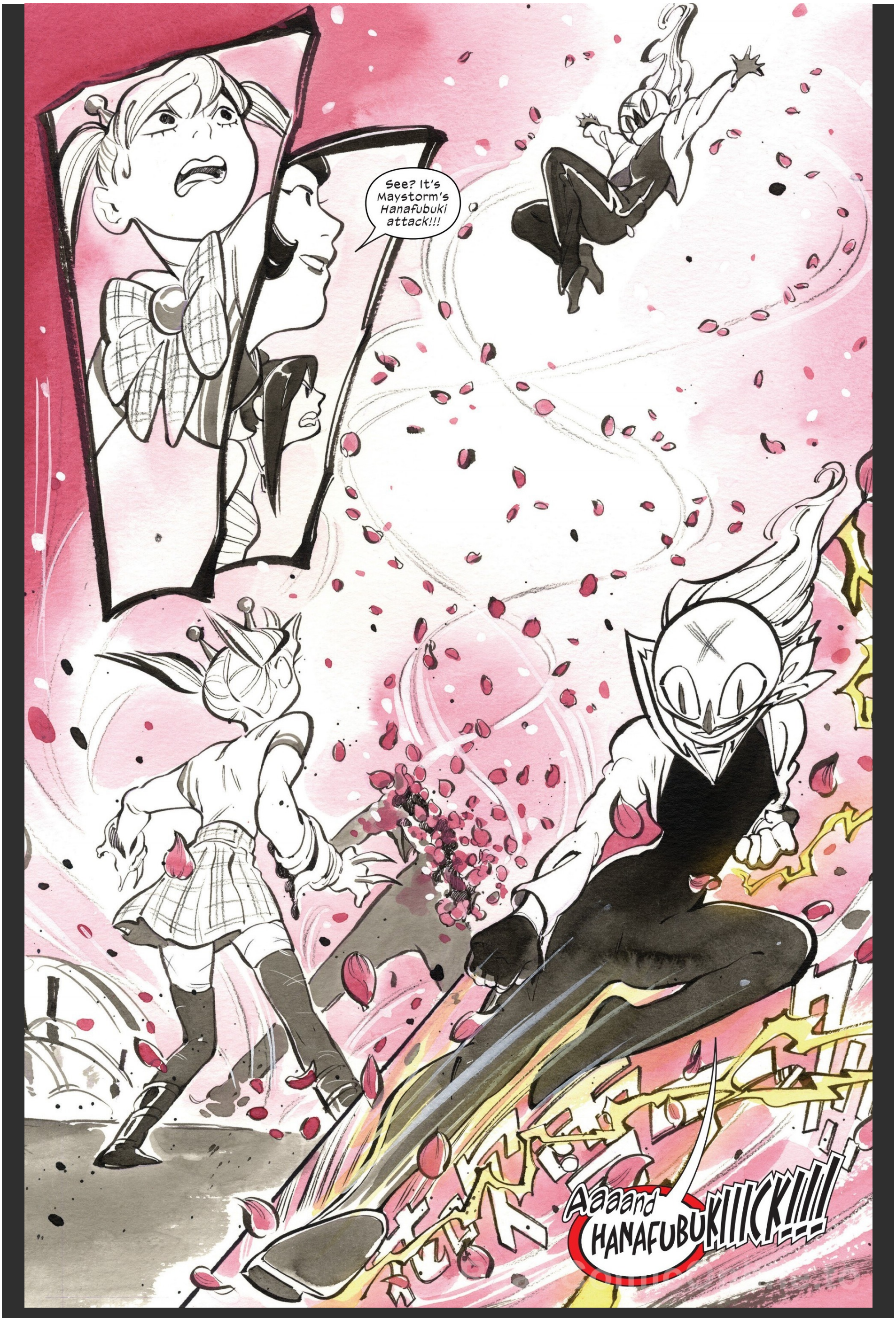
Damn you!

You're going to regret saving my life that day!

Nico, we should help!

Just wait and see.

Heh!


See? It's Maystorm's Hanafubuki attack!!!
Aaaand HANAFUBUKIIIICK!!!!

WHAM

KRRIIIKK

You think that'll stop me?

You're wrong.

She's building up a charge!

It's those gauntlets! We have to do something!!!

How do we get close to her?

There! Those condensers!

Natsu, we need you! Shoot Surge's headband!

Are you listening to me? I said...

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...shoot!!!

ZZZAARRK

Who are *those* guys?! Where did they come from?

!!!??

Oh my god! *NO!!!*

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Oh my. Game over for Noriko.

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KRAK

バキ

You say you want to free the mutants, yet you hide your name. Hide your face.

Cowering behind masks.

The same masks sent as a message of hate-- to tell us we should be ashamed of who we are.

That's right. These masks are symbols of mutant hate.

But I am not hiding. I am not ashamed. To everyone who hates us...I will prove them wrong. And I'll thank them. Because they created who I am today!

We are the X-Men!!!

Did you forget, Hi-chan? ***You're*** an X-Man too.

Hisako. I bet you thought Mei sounded stupid, didn't you?

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Tsubasa...

Thanks for using the omamori, Hisako.

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KIRIGAYA MINAMI MIDDLE SCHOOL.
2nd YEAR. SPRING.

Do I like it?

Of course I do! It's so cute!

I'm glad.

It's not an ordinary omamori. It's special.

THREE MONTHS LATER.
SUMMER.

Tsubasa! I'm sooooo sorry!!!

I lost that omamori you gave me.

It fell off my pencil case. I've looked everywhere, but I can't find it...

Don't worry about it!

Look at this thing! It's so lame!
It was behind the locker!
?
Pretty sure I saw it in a horror movie! It's possessed!!!
Did someone drop it?
Don't touch it!!!
...Hey, that's...
What? Is this yours?
What? Who? Him?
Hey, where do you want to go for lunch?
I saw the cafē reopened after the renovation.
Hey, think fast!
Strike! You're out! Haha!!!

You dropped this.

No waaaaay that's Hisako's!!!

It's yours, isn't it? I'm happy to return it.

That can't be yours, Hisako!

Haha... it's not mine...

Ah...

?

?

...!

Hya!
What's wrong, Hisako?
Are you okay?

Ah!

Hisako? Can you hear me?

IRODORI HIGH SCHOOL.
FIRST DAY OF THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR. NOW.

Ugh, Nico, it's so stupid we're not in the same class anymore.

You didn't forget them, did you, Mori?

You're finally here, Yukio! This is serious!!!

I got here as fast as I could. I had to ditch work.

When I got here, the door was open. I thought you were home, and...

I was going to, but I thought you might want to film it first?

Did you call the cops?

You know me too well.

Let's get rolling.

Way ahead of you, boss.

They trashed my whole place! *Aww*...not my figures too! Those were pretty rare...

I warned you this would happen. You start poking around in the government's business or shining lights on cults...

We should have just stuck with #ArmorGirl. That was bringing us views without putting us in danger.

If we keep digging, the next thing that's gonna be trashed is **us.**

Bring it on.

The Children of the Atom are attacking people again.

They keep saying the world is ending but keep acting like they're the ones trying to bring it about.

I think they want the world to end.

They're the reason everyone hates mutants.

We need people to know that we're not all the same.

What about Maester? He's a liar.

...Did you guys remember to check the list for any new Atom kids?

And did you tag your territory?

Let's call it *X District!*

Did you see? Our masks were on TV!!

Nico, is that Mei?

Shhhhh, Mori...

Do you think Natsu is here too...?

Meeting's over...hey, who are you two?

You must be new. I haven't seen you here before. You'll need to be marked with an X.

Somewhere it can be seen.

Mei...I know that's you. We've been looking for Natsu and Hisako.

You're looking for them too, aren't you?

Did you say ***Hisako?*** Hisako Ichiki? Don't tell me you're friends with #ArmorGirl!

Mei, in my grandmother's notebook... there's more after the Testament of X.

She wrote about something called the ***astral plane.*** It's not clear... I don't think she had all the information.

The Children of the Atom think that will somehow be the key to true superiority.

Remember that eye-shaped swirl we saw in the sky during Jugoya Matsuri? We've seen it a couple time since then?

Since Hisako disappeared... the eye has been gone as well.

Hey! I saw that too!! That...swirly thing! What does that have to do with anything?!

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Can't you see what is so painfully obvious?

That eye was Kageyama. His shadow took her!

Took her where...?

To whatever... ***wherever*** this astral plane from my grandmother's notebook is.

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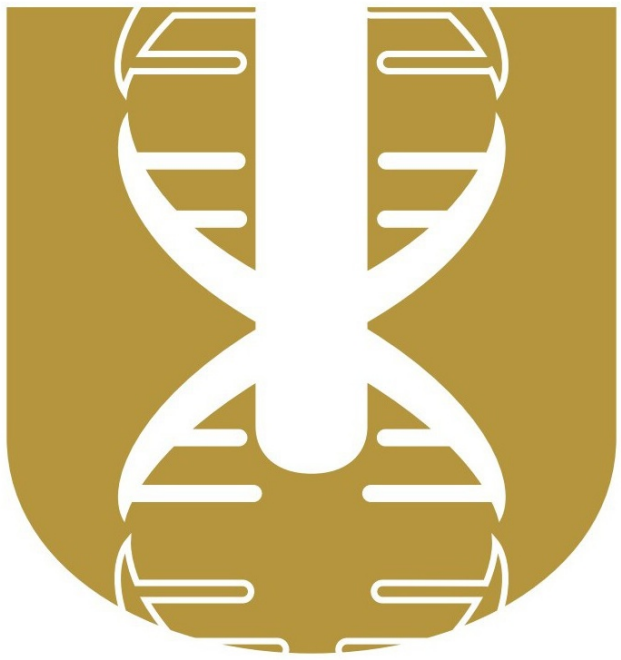

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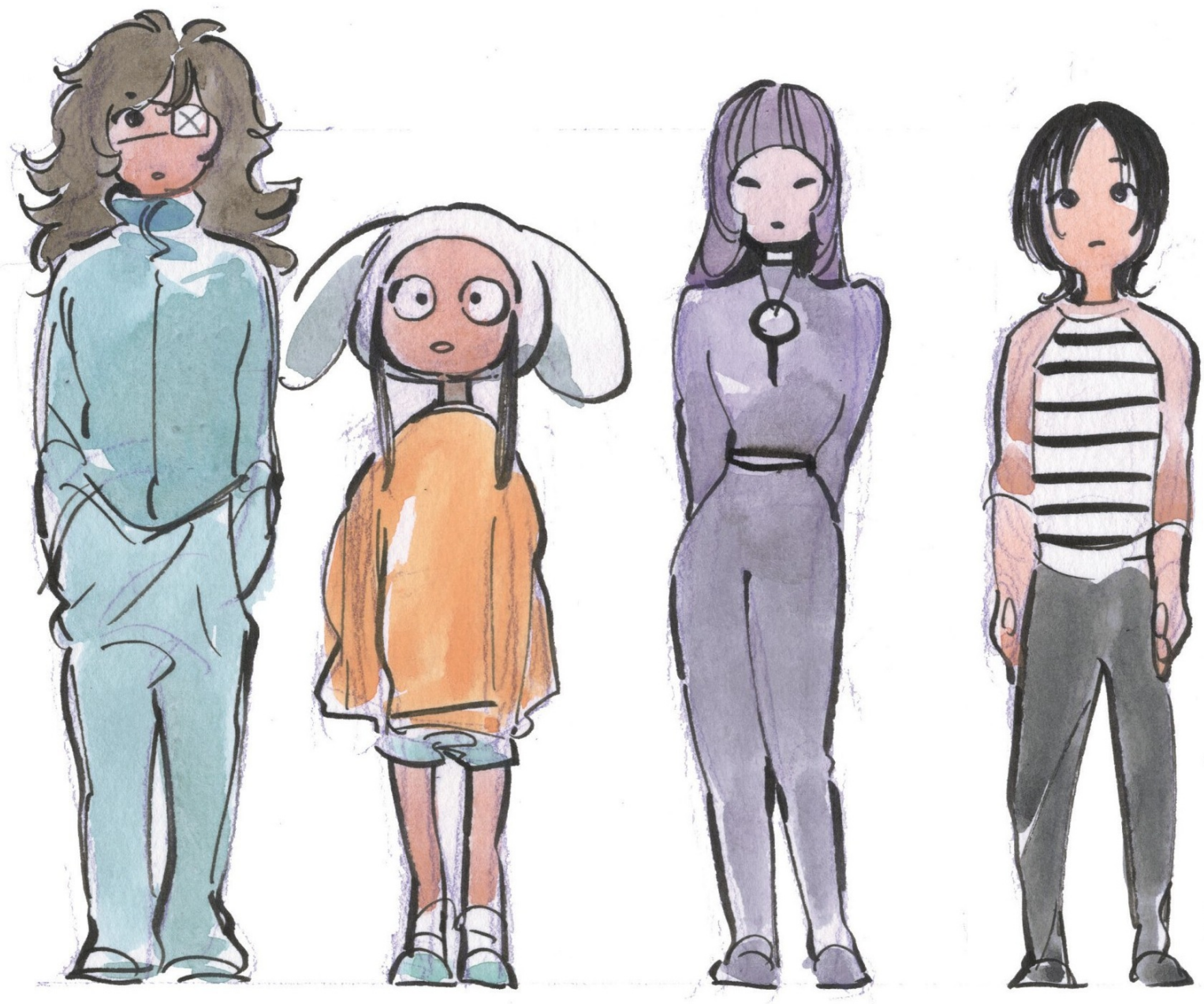

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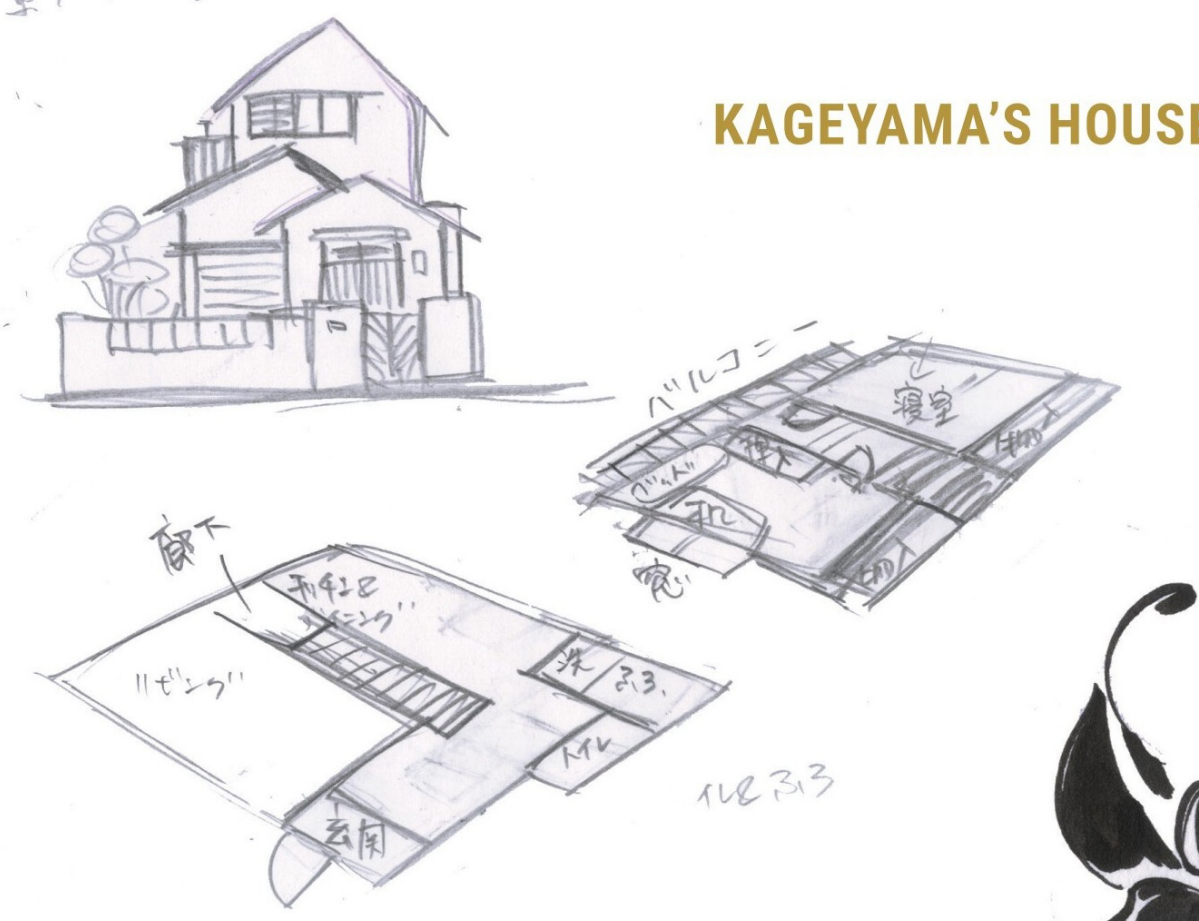

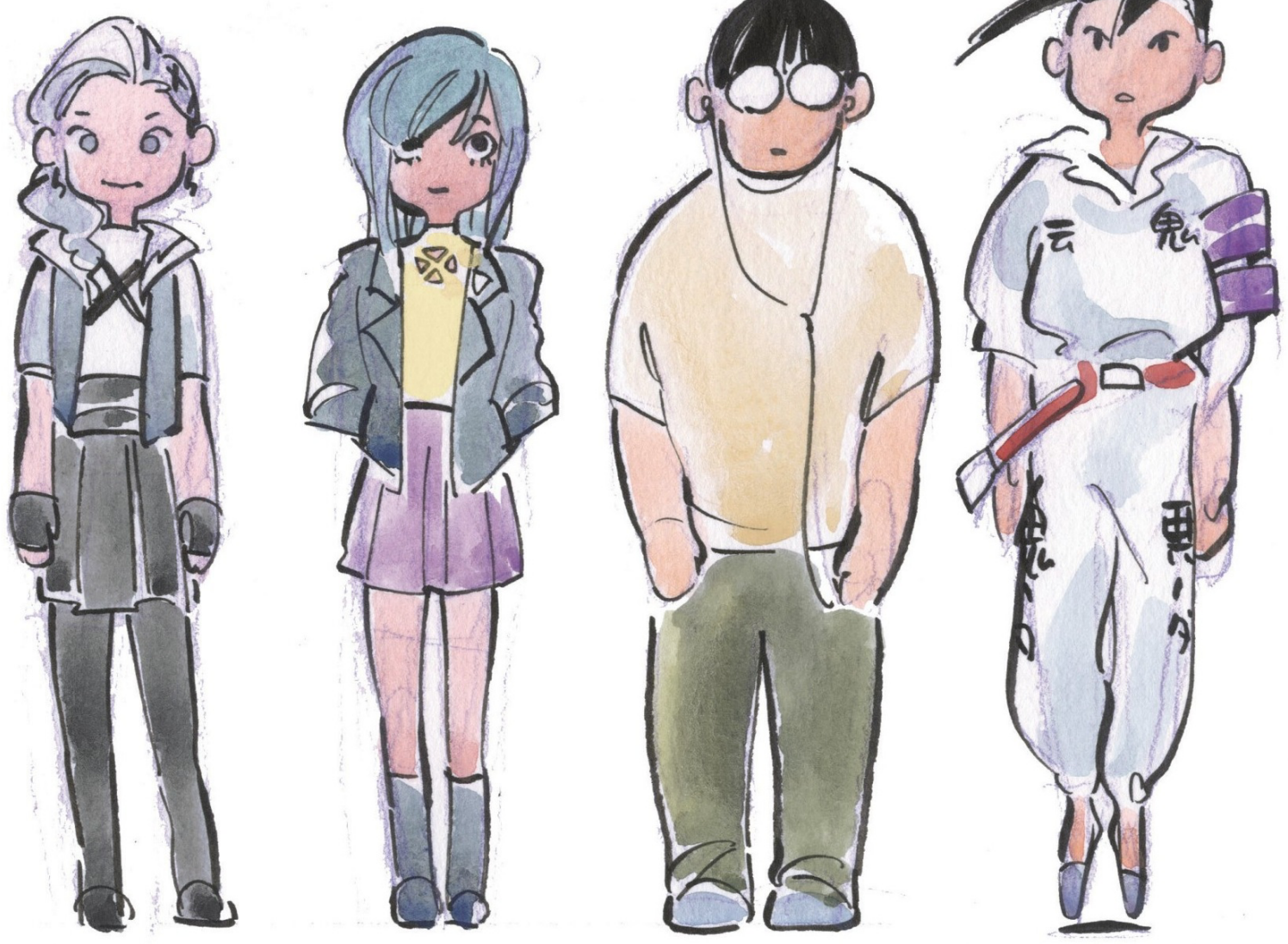

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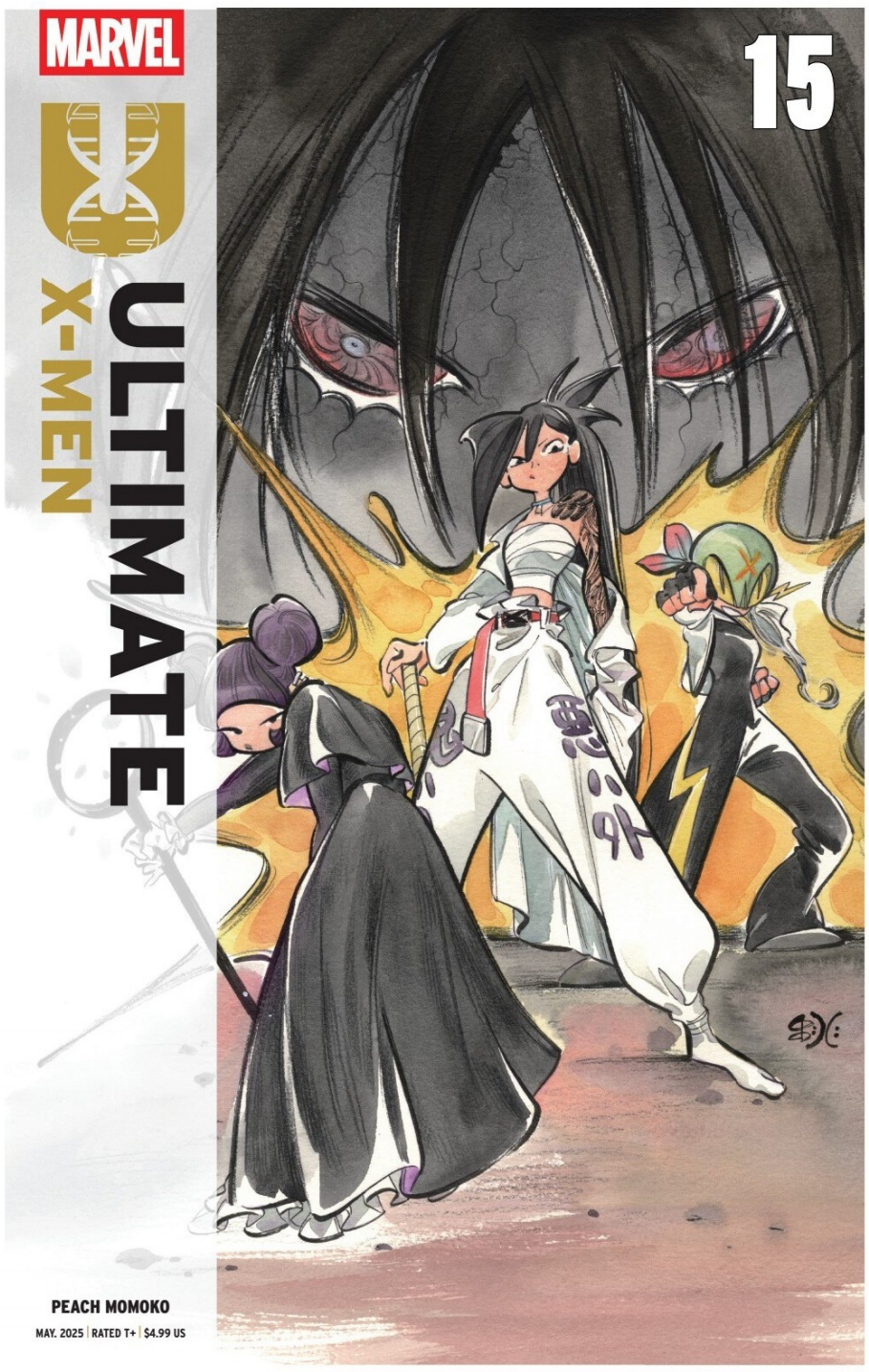

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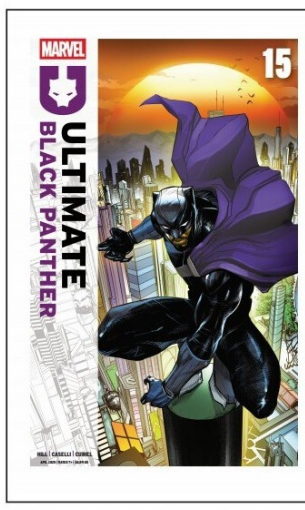

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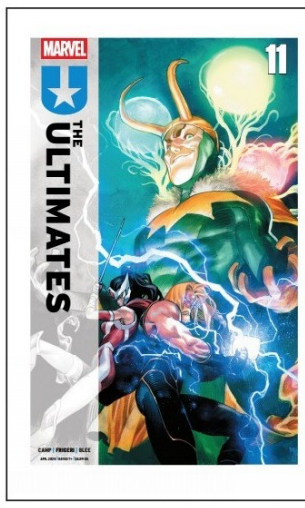

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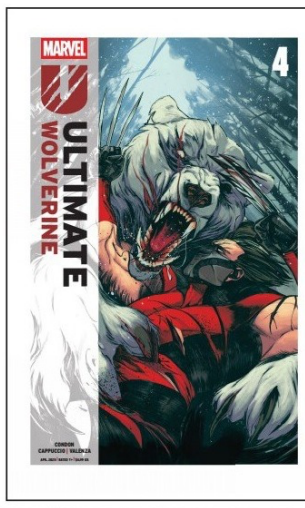

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